Senate Resolution 970

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Brown of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1   Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all records and meetings

2   of any governmental body, political subdivision of the state, authority, or private corporation

3   performing a public purpose shall be open to the public; to provide for the submission of this

4   amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6   **SECTION 1.**

7   Article III, Section VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as

8   follows:

9   "Paragraph VIII. ***Open meetings and open records.*** All records and meetings of any

10   governmental body, political subdivision of the state, authority, or private corporation

11   performing a public purpose shall be open and accessible to the public. No exception to

12   this requirement shall be allowed unless it is adopted by a two-thirds vote of each house

13   of the General Assembly and approved by the Governor."

14   **SECTION 2.**

15 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as

16 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the

17 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

18   "( ) YES   Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that all

19   records and meetings of any governmental body, political subdivision of the

20   ( ) NO   state, authority, or private corporation performing a public purpose shall be

21   open and accessible to the public?"

22 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

23 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

24 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall

25 become a part of the Constitution of this state.